THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The construction of Overbridge at Badapur border on National Highway No. 2 is likely to take three years and six months from the date of award on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis;

(b) No Sir.

(c) The estimated cost of construction of this over-bridge is Rs. 270.00 crore. The project is proposed to be awarded on BOT basis where the concessionaire would recover the cost by levying user fee. The proposed concession period would be about 20 years including the period of construction.

(d) Tenders will be invited on international competitive bidding process.

Road accidents in the country

258. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed and injured in road accidents each year in the country, during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the efforts being made by Government to minimize accidents;

(c) the causes for such accidents;

(d) in what manner the death scenario in road accident in India, compare with that of U.K., U.S.A., France, Germany and Pakistan etc having regard to per lack population deaths; and

(e) what is correlation between increasing number of road accidents and explosion in the number of Vehicles on road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Details of number of road accidents, persons killed and persons injured on all roads in the country during the year 2001, 2002 & 2003 as reported by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations are annexed as Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Some of the important steps taken by the Central Government to

[illegible] the main activities undertaken in this regard include:

- Grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations working in the field of road safety programmes.
- Publicity campaign on road safety measures through audio-visual and print media.
- Encouraging use of simulators in drivers training
- Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations and individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety
- Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to creating awareness.
- Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.
- Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.

(c) Road accidents are caused by a number of factors such as driver's fault, mechanical defects in the vehicles, fault of pedestrians, bad road, bad weather etc.

(d) As per information available, comparative road traffic fatality in respect of the following countries including India is as under:

Country	No. of road accident deaths per one lakh persons in 2002
France	9.12
Germany	6.96
U.K.	6.20
USA	14.70
India	4.80

Data for [illegible] not available

(e) The number of accidents and the number of road accidents in the country during the years 2001, 2002 & 2003 are as under:

Year	No. of accidents	No. of persons killed
2001	405637	[illegible]
2002	407497	[illegible]
2003	406726(P)	[illegible]

P=Provisional

Statement

State-wise number of road accidents, persons killed and injured in India on all Roads

All India/ States/UTs.	Road Accidents			Persons Killed			Persons Injured		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Andhra Pradesh	30031	27634	34826	8428	7517	9679	37471	22112	47477
Arunachal Pradesh	264	244	245	71	102	127	381	312	374
Assam	2516	2625	3262	1021	1023	1122	3744	3843	4361
Bihar	2873	5339	6141	1043	1957	2368	1465	3882	4227
Chhatisgarh	8751	8664	10521	1095	1620	1881	8009	7461	8732
Goa	2818	3419	3244	234	260	235	2164	2633	2626
Gujarat	32523	31735	30604	4502	5094	5161	32508	34415	33680
Haryana	8393	8748	8690	2911	2987	3028	8289	8321	8287
Himachal Pradesh	2371	2524	2680	756	802	733	4029	4009	4358
Jammu & Kashmir	4610	5394	5904	770	872	836	6010	7186	8056
Jharkhand	4028	4711	4211	1686	1746	1699	3578	4201	4106
Karnataka	33000	35784	37658	5805	6366	6195	42196	45769	45781
Kerala	38361	38762	39496	2674	2792	2905	49675	49460	48640
Madha Pradesh	26239	26929	30164	3865	4141	4523	27401	29780	33375
Maharashtra	74521	66876	65686	9769	9523	9483	49340	48377	46692
Manipur	409	520	523	89	120	127	846	914	988
Meghalaya	600	172	617	174	104	168	349	303	523
Mizoram	83	96	122	65	50	76	38	184	112
Nagaland	102	84	101	53	44	46	184	76	123
Orissa	6405	6848	6668	1933	2220	2293	8314	9678	8838
Punjab	4171	4692	4429	2690	2638	2655	3390	3932	4077
Rajasthan	19999	20571	21933	5187	5535	6025	25994	27119	29079
Sikkim	109	228	131	50	55	40	221	321	279

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tamil Nadu	51978	53503	51025	9571	9939	9275	52922	55130	55242
Tripura	544	624	676	175	157	168	949	708	927
Uttaranchal	1061	1117	1222	704	705	756	1148	1255	1692
Uttar Pradesh	20473	20684	14286	9654	9726	7845	13256	13152	9348
West Bengal	16954	17974	10444	3712	4510	4361	10625	13800	12769
A & N Islands	181	168	180	17	21	12	230	243	252
Chandigarh	492	494	442	118	110	134	495	469	437
D & N Haveli	88	80	73	40	32	34	117	99	65
Daman & Diu	53	68	72	13	18	19	42	61	74
Delhi	9344	8699	8863	1842	1696	1801	8449	7929	7829
Lakshadweep	6	3	1	1	Nil	Nil	6	6	1
Pondicherry	1286	1484	1586	170	192	188	1381	1571	1695
TOTAL	405637	407497	406726	80888	84674	85998	405216	408711	435122

SSIs in rural areas

†259. Prof. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present policy of Government for laying a network of small scale industries, their development and their advancement in the rural areas of the country;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to protect small scale industries, working in the different States of the country from foreign competition and providing them adequate protection; and

(c) what are the new initiatives of Government to effectively improve the condition of small scale industries and providing them basis facilities under the existing liberal policy?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Small scale industries are set up by private entrepreneurs and not by the Government. However, the Central Government and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations implement a number

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.